## **CLAIMS**

- 1. A covering for application on surfaces of a structure to camouflage the structure in an environment, the covering comprising a first sheet having spectral characteristics for visible and near-infrared wavelengths that simulate the spectral characteristics of the environment, wherein the first sheet is at least partially covered on a first surface thereof by a first layer of a first ink which is at least partially transparent to near-infrared wavelengths.
- 2. A covering according to claim 1 wherein the second surface of the first sheet opposite the first surface is coated with an adhesive.
- 3. A covering according to claim 1 or claim 2 wherein the first layer is at least partially covered by a second layer of a second ink, the second ink being at least partially transparent to near-infrared wavelengths.
- 4. A covering according to any preceding claim wherein at least one of the first and second inks is at least partially absorptive to near-infrared wavelengths.
- A covering according to any preceding claim wherein at least one of the first and second inks is at least partially reflective to near-infrared wavelengths.

- 6. A covering according to any preceding claim wherein at least one of the first and second inks is at least partially absorptive to far-infrared wavelengths.
- 7. A covering according to any preceding claim wherein at least one of the first and second inks is at least partially reflective to far-infrared wavelengths.
- 8. A covering according to any preceding claim wherein at least one of the first and second inks is at least partially transmissive to far-infrared wavelengths.
- A covering according to any preceding claim further comprising a component for absorbing radar wavelengths.
- 10.A covering according to claim 9 wherein the component for absorbing radar wavelengths comprises carbon.
- 11.A covering according to any preceding claim further comprising a phase change material.
- 12.A covering according to any preceding claim wherein the sheet comprises a polymer material.

- 13. A covering according to claim 12 wherein the sheet comprises polyvinyl chloride.
- 14. A covering according to any preceding claim wherein the covering is flexible.
- 15. A covering according to any preceding claim wherein the spectral characteristics of the first sheet for visible and near-infrared wavelengths simulate the spectral characteristics of chlorophyll.
- 16.A covering according to any preceding claim wherein the ink layer/layers is/are embossed to produce an uneven surface profile.
- 17. A covering according to any preceding claim further comprising a layer of lacquer.
- 18. A covering according to any preceding claim further comprising a highly surface reflective component.
- 19. A covering according to claim 18 wherein the reflectance of the highly surface reflective component is at least 78%.
- 20. A covering according to any preceding claim further comprising a layer comprising a polyvinyl fluoride.

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21.A covering according to any preceding claim further comprising a second sheet at least partially covered by further inks, the second sheet being removably adhered to the first sheet.